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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

) Examiner: Judy M. Reddick In re Application of: John M. Krajnik, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1713 Attorney Docket No.: 5661 Serial No.: 09/437,171 Filing Date: 11/09/1999 WATERBORNE COATING HAVING For: IMPROVED CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## <u>AMENDMENT "E" AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION</u>

(In Response to Paper No. 21)

Dear Madam:

This Amendment "E" is filed in response to the Office action dated December 22, 2003. Applicant submits this Amendment "E" as the submission to accompany the Request for Continued Examined, which is being filed herewith.

The three-month period for responding to the Office action expired on March 22, 2003. As such, Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 in which to file this Response to Office Action.

On June 16, 2004, Applicants' attorney was first made aware of the December 22, 2003 Office Action by a telephone call initiated by the Examiner. On June 16, the Examiner also provided a copy of the Office Action to Applicants attorney. Prior to June 16, 2004, Applicant was not aware of and had not received the Office Action with a mailing date of December 22, 2004. As such, Applicant was unable to provide a response to the Office Action during the shortened statutory period. As a result of the delay in Applicants receipt of the Office Action, Applicant believes that the three-month extension fee should be waived.



If the Commissioner believes that the three-month extension fee is due and not waivable, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the three-month extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-2025. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any other fees due, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this Application, to Deposit Account No. 19-2025.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Applicant(s): John M. Krajnik, et al.								Docket No. 5661	
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Invention: WAT	ERBOR	NE COATING	HAVING IMPRO	OVED	CHEMICAL RESI	STA	NCE		
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:									
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.									
CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
	CLAIM	S REMAINING	HIGHEST#		NUMBER EXTRA	-		ADDITIONAL	
		AMENDMENT	PREV. PAID FOR	₹	CLAIMS PRESENT		RATE	FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	2:	2 -	26 =		-	x	\$18.0	\$0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS 2 -			4 =		0	x	\$80.0	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)									
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0.0									
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